

Application No. 10/579,378
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In Response to Office Action dated January 14, 2010
Attorney Docket No. 0470-061494

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on January 14, 2010, the claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

Group I (claims 16-23): drawn to a method for punching a part out of a larger part;

Group II (claims 25-26): drawn to a method for production of a product made of molded fiber material

Group III (claim 27): drawn to a container like product;

Group IV (claims 28-30): drawn to punching a part of a molded fiber material from a part with a larger surface area.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 16-23) with traverse.

Applicants note that claim 24 was not included in a particular group. It is believed that, since claim 24 depends from claim 16, claim 24 was inadvertently excluded from Group I. Accordingly, Applicants further request that claim 24 be included in the elected group (Group I).

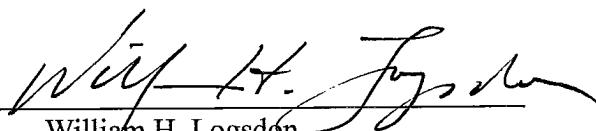
Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn. Conducting a search on Groups I-IV would not unduly burden the Examiner.

Should the Examiner have any questions or would like to discuss this further, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at 412-471-8815.

Respectfully submitted,

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